

1 **WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. 08-51**

3 Draft Date: 09/22/2008

4 Date Adopted:

5 Date Effective:

6 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23-3-101 OF**
7 **TITLE 23 OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY MUNICIPAL**
8 **CODE REGARDING CAT LICENSING.**

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10 **WHEREAS**, West Valley City desires to amend Section 23-3-101 of Title 23 of the
11 West Valley City Municipal Code to allow for a requirement that cats be licensed; and

12 **WHEREAS**, over sixty-percent (60%) of the animals euthanized in the last two years
13 were unlicensed cats; and

14 **WHEREAS**, approximately ninety-seven percent (97%) of the cats euthanized were
15 adoptable, but homes for the cats could not be attained; and

16 **WHEREAS**, requiring cats to be licensed would allow cats to be returned to their
17 owners, which would significantly decrease the numbers euthanized; and

18 **WHEREAS**, requiring cats to be licensed would also allow for the City to collect a
19 portion of the costs of keeping the cat upon its return to the owner; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City Council of West Valley City, Utah, does hereby determine that it is
21 in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of West Valley City to
22 amend Section 23-3-101 of Title 23 of the West Valley City Municipal Code.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of West Valley City,
24 Utah, as follows:

25 **Section 1. Repealer.** Any provision of the West Valley City Municipal Code found
26 to be in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

27 **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 23-3-101 of Title 23 of the West Valley City
28 Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 **23-3-101. LICENSING.**
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31 (1) All dogs, cats, pot-bellied pigs, and ferrets must be licensed each year to a person
32 of the age of 18 years or older, except as otherwise provided herein.

33 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid
34 by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

35 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon
36 posting in the manner required by law.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

WEST VALLEY CITY

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER